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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-9, 12-16, and 18- 24 were allowed with claims 26-30 and 40-44 being deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 10, 11, 17 and 32 were previously cancelled. In the current response, claim 40 has been canceled and claims 25, 39 and 41-44 have been amended.

Response to §102(b) rejections

Applicant respectfully submits that the anticipation rejection of claims 25 and 39 under U.S. Patent 2,799,347 ("Wilcox") should be withdrawn, as Wilcox fails to disclose each and every element of the claims and, therefore, fails to anticipate the claims.

In particular, claim 25 as amended recites a "shaft having a plurality of flowlines wherein a first of the flowlines includes a first inlet into the perforation and the second flowlines includes a second inlet into the perforation." Thus, even though Wilcox discloses a duct 26 and an unnumbered duct, Wilcox fails to disclose two flowlines having separate inlets into the perforation. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of independent claim 25 and its respective dependent claims.

Claim 39 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowed claim 40 and its dependent claims and, thus, is also in condition of allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested

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to pass this application to issue. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 20.2828).

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